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Applicant : Scott E. Moore

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Art Unit : 3723

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Maurina T. Rachuba

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLANARIZING A MICROELECTRONIC
SUBSTRATE WITH A TILTED PLANARIZING SURFACE

Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 24, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.